transferrin encoding DNA and its expression in transformed cells,

claims 14-25 drawn to recombinant constructs containing

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classified in at least Class 435, subclass 69.1.

Applicant hereby elects Group II (Claims 14-25) for prosecution in the present application without traverse. Non-elected claims 1-13 and 26 as well as elected claims 14-25 have been canceled from the application. New claims 27-60 have been added which are directed to the subject matter of elected claims 14-25. Accordingly, claims 27-60 are currently pending. Support for new claims 14-25 can be found in original claims 14-25 and in the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

New claims 27-60 have been added to more distinctly describe the subject matter of the instant application. In particular, the new claims track the language of claims prosecuted in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/175,158 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,986,067). Cancellation of claims was done solely to expedite prosecution of the instant application and is without prejudice to prosecution any of the previously-pending claims in this or a future application.

SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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